

REMARKS

Claim 13 has been amended to more particularly recite that the spirally piled transfer conveyor is accommodated in a heat insulated room in which a refrigerating machine is installed, an endless conveyor is formed by connecting the exit of the transfer conveyor from the heat insulated room to the entrance of the transfer conveyor to the heat insulated room, and the refrigerating machine is installed in the space formed inside the spiral of the spirally piled transfer conveyor. Support for the amendments is found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 22-26, page 11, lines 24-26, page 16, lines 9-16 and page 21, lines 11-14 of the specification. A conforming amendment has been made to claim 19. Claims 13-19 are presented for further examination.

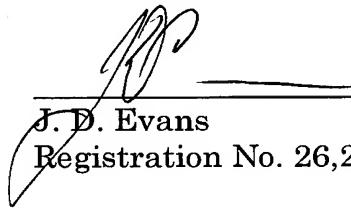
The references of record do not disclose or suggest a foodstuff transfer installation as now claimed. Accordingly, favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the examination of the application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037297.55537US).

Respectfully submitted,

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